

House Resolution No. 1737

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who admirably have dedicated an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Charles Smith of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a 28-year veteran of public schools in Missouri where he has served as a communication arts teacher, journalism teacher, high school newspaper advisor, and communication arts department chairman; and

Whereas, currently serving as the vice president of the Missouri National Education Association, Charles Smith will be the guest speaker for the 2008 NAACP Day at the Capitol; and

Whereas, in his role as vice president of the MNEA, Charles Smith works full-time for the 34,000-member state affiliate by attending state board of education and MAACE meetings, chairing the MNEA Budget Committee, working with the Future Educators Association, and advising the MNEA Bylaws Committee; and

Whereas, a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Charles Smith truly has been an advocate and leader on many fronts through a focus on the NEA, NAACP, and church; and

Whereas, Charles Smith is a frequent workshop leader and conference planner who received the MNEA Shirley Cromer Leadership Award in 1994; and

Whereas, Charles Smith served as NEA director for Missouri for seven years, president of the Kansas City NAACP for six years, first vice president of the Missouri NAACP for fourteen years, and national NAACP Board of Directors for six years; and

Whereas, Charles Smith also deserves mention of his leadership on the NEA Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee, Midwest Minority Leadership Training Program Planning Committee, and the NEA Board Black Caucus, among other positions of service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments associated with the life and work of Charles Smith and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capital as the guest speaker for the 2008 NAACP Day at the Capitol; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles Smith of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1737, adopted April 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker